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Somerton Town Council - October 2018

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Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Full Council	9 th October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Planning (if required)	9 th & 23 rd October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall
Land & Properties	9 th & 23 rd October	7.00pm	Edgar Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website and details are displayed on the notice board outside the Parish Rooms and on the STC website.

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Requests from the public for items to be added to the agenda should be notified to the town clerk in writing by the first Monday of the month.

Did you know Somerton Town Council has a Facebook page? Check it out!

Russet Road (Bovis development)

A County Highways Officer will be attending the 9th October full council meeting to discuss Russet Road. The meeting will be at Edgar Hall commencing at 7pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend and comment.

Congratulations to three newly appointed Councillors, Sheila Taylor, Steve Harrison and Brian Dobson.

Highways improvement scheme for West Street is still on going.

Grants have been provided for:

- Somerton Scouts to purchase of a Union Flag and an Explorer Flag to be used for the first time at the Somerton Remembrance Day parade.
- Refurbishment of toilets at the Recreation Ground
- Legal fees for Somerton Recreation Ground Trust related to the creation of new Trust
- Several free Digital Marketing Training events aimed at business are being hosted at Edgar Hall and other venues across South Somerset, please see the STC website for more details.
- STC supported Merchant Navy day on 3rd September by flying a Red Ensign.
- The Half Moon Car Park will be closed for approximately a week in October to enable it to be resurfaced. Signage will be placed at the car park advising the details. Alternative parking will be provided in the Paddock House Pay and Display Car Park where the fee structure will not be enforced for this period.
- Work will soon commence on the Cemetery Garden of Rest extension.

News

SOMERTON WEATHER FOR AUGUST

We had 62 mm of rainfall which is approx 2.5 ins in August.

FIGHT LITTER WITH BEACHCLEAN

If we all make a little effort, the task is easy to accomplish. Children as young as four are taking part. If we can have fun picking up litter, hopefully the generation behind when they become adults, won't drop it. I want to raise awareness of dropping litter and how people of all ages can help keep Somerton unspoilt by litter. I have sponsored a board for Somerton and the Buttercross tearooms has agreed to host it. It is there now with grabbers and bags. Please join in the Litter Free Challenge. Rachel Mason

LOST AND FOUND

Phonak hearing aid LH ear found on Langport Road near the Catholic Church on 2nd Sept, please contact Wendy on 01458 273748 for more information.

OKTOBERFEST: SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

7.00 for 7.30pm Edgar Hall. Somerton Music & Arts Festival presents Somerton's first Oktoberfest with Sherbavarian Stompers and local group Nevertheless. See website: www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk. Tickets £14 (includes light supper) from Palmer Snell, Market Place, Somerton or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/somerton-music-and-arts-festival. Or phone 07928 508700.

BYGONE DAYS IN SOMERTON

Have just been for a walk in Watts Quarry Lane woods, on the outskirts of Somerton. The figures are still there and now there is a cat. It would be very interesting to find out who put them there and why, and who made them. Someone one must have the information. Mabel Benn. Please reply to Editor.



SOMERTON REMEMBERS - SILENT SOLDIERS 1918 - 2018

Thank you to everyone who came to the Museum in the Pinney Room on Festival Market Day. We spoke to over 50 people and we hope some will contact us again about their World War I fathers and grandfathers, especially the ones who survived.

In August David & Joan Perkins told me about their grandparents in the Great War. Joan's grandfather, William Wood, had joined the Territorials and in October 1914 he sailed to India with the Middlesex Regiment. He was a drummer in the band and spent much of the war on ceremonial parades. He had a variety of jobs after the war and was an air raid

warden in the Second World War. Joan's grandmother, Hettie, married William Wood in 1901 and they lived in a flat in Kensington. When he went to India in 1914 she worked in a munitions factory somewhere in the Shepherd's Bush area of London. She had four children by then, so Joan's mother, aged 12, took over the running of the family. Hettie joined the St John's Ambulance Brigade after the war and attended many events at the White City stadium etc.

Joan's other grandfather was Sydney Penny, RN, from Marlborough. He joined the Navy in 1906 and served on HMS Victory as a domestic steward. Later he served on destroyers at Scapa Flow, buying fresh food for the officers from the neighbouring islands and cooking it for them on board. The destroyers worked as screen vessels for the Dreadnoughts and Sydney Penny was present at some of the great naval battles of the war, but not usually very close to the action. He stayed on in the Navy until 1929, and then returned to Marlborough to help in family shops and he ran a large garden. He served again in WW2 on troop landing ships training for D-Day. He left the Navy in late 1944 and worked at the Marlborough Tile Company until it closed and then as a cleaner at Marlborough College until he was well over 80.

Read their stories - and many others - in the folders in the Library!

We sold more than 20 window stickers at the Festival Market. If you have not bought one yet, please call at the library where they are available from the information desk or from the Librarian.

Window stickers in aid of the Royal British Legion:

A3 (42 cm) minimum donation £6; A4 (30 cm) minimum donation £4; A5 (26 cm) minimum donation £3

Do you have a story to tell about a relation from anywhere in the world who served in the First World War? The stories are being collected in folders in the Library and will be included in a web site. Call me to find out more about the scheme: Nancy Schooling Tel: 273859; email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

CHURCH BELLRINGERS WHO FELL IN THE 1914-1918 WAR

Church bellringers throughout the world are seeking to honour those who fell in the 1914-1918 war. Some of those named on our Somerton War Memorial must indeed have been such bellringers, but we have no records telling us which ones. Can you please help us?

John Hayter (Tower Captain St Michaels Church)

SOMERTON RUGBY CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY -

"Working together for Somerton through Rugby"

This October's 1st XV fixtures are:

6th October: Somerton vs Martock (Eirian Williams) 2.30pm Shield

13th October: Somerton vs Yeovil (Webb Ellis Somerset) 2.30pm County Vase

20th October: Winscombe II vs Somerton (away) 2.30pm

27th October: Somerton vs Wiveliscombe II 2.30pm

Senior training is Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7.00pm at The Eirian Williams Memorial Pitch Langport Road Somerton. New players are very welcome. Contact Gary Saunders for details; m. 07870 861731.

Under 18s & U15s Girls, visit website for training/fixture details.

Visit www.somertonrfc.co.uk and follow the club's latest news, results and events.

LANGPORT & DISTRICT RED CROSS 2018 RED CROSS WEEK COLLECTION

The manager of Tesco Langport has kindly offered us another collection date in 2018, Friday 7th December. If you would like to help holding a bucket please contact Chris Cox on 01458 273085.

We continue to suffer a loss of house-to-house collectors in our area and are appealing for new volunteers in Somerton, Aller, Babcary, Langport & Huish Episcopi, Long Load, Long Sutton, Kingsbury Episcopi, Low Ham, and Curry Rivel & Pitney. All we ask is a few hours once a year, during the week which contains 8th May, the birthday of Henri Dunant, our Swiss founder. New volunteers are assured of a very warm welcome if they phone 01458 273085 or e-mail cox.cj@btinternet.com

POETRY CORNER

Summer

How wonderful summer at last

Winter has been a real cold blast

The colour in gardens and flowering trees

Make the heart good and worries ease

We all feel happier with a touch of sun

And look forward to holidays and lots of fun.

C. Wellington

THE FRIENDS OF SOMERTON LIBRARY

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent coffee morning/book sale for their support and contributions. As a result of your generosity and help we were able to raise just over a £100.

SOMERTON FRUIT, VEG AND FLOWER SHOW 2018 WINNERS

CLUB TROPHY - The best exhibit in the show - Ian Burton with his Cacti Dahlias

PRESIDENTS BOWL - Exhibitor gaining most points in the show - Ian Burton

NOVICE CUP - Competitor with the most points and never having won a trophy before - Sue Burton

HELEN GOFF CUP - Best pot plant in the show - Ken Attwell with his geranium

Club geranium growing competition (sponsored by Brimsmore) - Carol Pitman

SECTION A - Fruit and vegetables

- Exhibitor with most points - DERRICK JEFFERIES CUP - Sarah Vincent

- Best exhibit - Ken Attwell with his onions from seed

SECTION B - Flowers

- Exhibitor with most points - HAROLD BARTLETT CUP - Ian Burton

- Best exhibit - Ian Burton with his Cacti dahlias

SECTION C - Flower arrangements

- Exhibitor with most points - THE MABEL ANN CUP - Penny Neale

- Best exhibit - Esther Locke with her Royal Wedding arrangement

SECTION D - Homecraft

- Exhibitor with most points - JEFFERIES CUP - jointly won by Lin Sambell and Pauline Saunders

- Best exhibit - Carol Pitman with her Victoria sponge

SECTION E - Children's' class

- Exhibitor with most points - KELWAYS CHILDREN'S CUP - Mia Crowley

SECTION F - Photography

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- Best exhibit - Kat Kiechl with her photograph of 'trees in black and white'

SECTION G - Handicraft

- Exhibitor with most points -HANDICRAFT CUP - Sarah Vincent

- Best exhibit - Sarah Vincent with her shopping bag.

We would like to thank the judges and the following sponsors and advertisers:

Somerton Town Council, Williams Supermarket, Brimsmore Garden Centre, Somerset Accountancy Services Limited, Phil Flowers Photography, Overt Locke Limited, Cobbs Wholefood, Kelways Garden Centre, Evergreen Turf, Full of Beans, Buttercross Tearooms, George James Properties, Brunel Pet Shop

SOMERTON BUSINESS WINS QUEEN'S AWARD

Tellurium Q design and manufacture award winning high-end audio cables. They have been in existence for only 9 1/2 years and now with a team of just seven people, Tellurium Q already have a reputation ranking alongside much larger companies with decades more history. In this time Tellurium Q have rapidly expanded through product reviews and word of mouth to be represented around the world in 37 countries.

"The Queen's Award for outstanding growth in export over the last 3 years was obtained before our first steps into the Chinese market which we have just entered this year. So we are hoping to be able to expand even further by concentrating a little more on the Pacific Rim markets. Most especially for those markets this really underlines the fact that we are a British company which certainly helps". We are based here because this is where I have lived most of my life and there was no requirement to move anywhere to set up the business. Our ethos is to manufacture everything as locally as possible which is sometimes a challenge but does mean that we have greater control on quality.

Geoff Merrigan, <https://telluriumq.com/>

CHARITY THEATRE TRIPS TO BRISTOL HIPPODROME NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2018

coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a printed brochure. September saw our 250th Trip!

October Trips

Friday October 26th, Charity Theatre trip to "La Cenerentola (Cinderella) - Rossini opera", Bristol Hippodrome. Details: www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk or 01458 273085.

Payment is due in October for Motown (16th January) and Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake (13th March). After October I cannot guarantee tickets will still be available at Bristol, but worth the ask! We have availability still for Benidorm (21st Nov £46) & English National Ballet's Swan Lake (29th Nov £45).

Our coach goes from Curry Rivel, Langport, Somerton, then Street/Wells or Keinton Mandeville/Shepton Mallet depending on bookings. Any profit is donated to charity. For more details of all trips please visit www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk e-mail: coxtheatretrips@btinternet.com or phone 01458 273085 for a brochure.

GREAT STRIDES AT SADAA

By the time this appears, Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance - SADAA - will have held its first AGM at Wessex House. The meeting took the form of a public consultation where residents had an opportunity to suggest things that might make our town a place where those living with dementia can feel welcome, safe, well-supported and valued. This is an on-going process, so further suggestions will always be welcome. We also need to know from the many clubs and organisations in the area about any suitable activities they offer, so we can include them in the events diary on our website (somertondaa.blogspot.com), where you can also read a brief report of the meeting. Those who attended also heard information from several speakers about services that could support them following a diagnosis. Links are on the website. If you need to contact us, please email somertondaa@gmail.com.

Ivor Dixon; 01458 250603 / 07976 308302

THE FOODBANK IN LANGPORT

Please note that it will still run but now from 2 - 4 pm and **NOT** at The Angel but in the Ridgeway Hall.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Scott Gould House is in North Street, Somerton, consisting of six self-contained flats intended for older ladies on a modest income with local connections. Residents are 'Licensees' and instead of rent pay a weekly maintenance contribution which includes central heating, hot water, water rates and general maintenance.

A first floor flat, consisting of a living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom is available. There is a "no smoking and vaping" policy.

An application form and further details may be obtained from: The Clerk to the Trustees; Tel.no. 01458 272049; Mob. 07989 437964

SOMERTON LIBRARY PROJECT GROUP

Following the Somerset County Council consultation regarding the potential closure of Somerton Library a project group has been set up to look at the options available.

The project group includes members of the Town Council, Friends of Somerton Library and members of the community and are considering the creation of a Trust to run the library with support from the County Library service. The primary aim of the Trust is to retain a library service in the current location albeit with some changes.

Work completed so far includes:

- Review of setting up a Trust and the appointment of a solicitor
- Database of volunteers available to help run the library (we still need some more, please contact Terry Philpott 01458 272236 town.clerk@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk touch for more information)
- Positive discussions with Somerset County Council
- Financial and administrative support from Somerton Town Council

Martyn Smith on behalf of the Project Group

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - ASH

Main Street, Ash will be closed for 5 days from Monday 24th October for resurfacing work.

EARLY NOTICES

BEHIND THE THRONE: AN AFTERNOON WITH ADRIAN TINNISWOOD

The popular writer, historian and broadcaster will be in Long Sutton Village Hall on Sunday 4th November 2pm to 4.30pm to launch his new book *Behind the Throne: A Domestic History of the British Royal Household*. This is an upstairs/downstairs history of the royal court from the Middle Ages to the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. Cost: £10 per person, tea and cake included. To secure your place, please send cash or cheque payable to: Doreen Harvey The Old School House, Catsgore near Somerton. TA11 7HZ. Please provide name, address, and email address (for confirmation purposes only) along with the number of places you require. Or contact Doreen her on doreen-royharvey@tiscali.co.uk or landline 01458 241711

CALLING ALL JAMES BOND FANS!

Professional singers Stephanie Reeves and Luke Barron are bringing their "007 Cabaret" to Edgar Hall, Somerton on Friday November 16th to raise funds for the Royal British Legion's care home Dunkirk Memorial House, Bishops Lydeard.

This glittering evening, celebrating everything 'Bond', includes a 3-course hot supper, guest appearances from local musicians, as well as magical and casino entertainment.

As the Royal British Legion is this year commemorating the centenary of the end of WW1, Luke and Stephanie felt it appropriate to hold this fundraising evening alongside the poppy appeal in November. Dunkirk House, a care home exclusive to ex-servicemen and their dependents, can accommodate up to 60 people, providing round-the-clock nursing care. It also has a specialist Dementia Wing helping residents with independent living. Maintaining this high standard depends on the generosity of people like you. So do book your ticket and come along for a sparkling evening! Contact Joslyn on 07889 731973.

MID WESSEX SINGERS SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

7.30pm St Andrew's Church Curry Rivel. A concert to commemorate the Centenary of the end of World War 1. Tickets £10. More info www.midwessexsingers.co.uk.

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Thanks to funding from Somerton Town Council, the Recreation Ground Management Committee is pleased to announce a FREE organised fireworks display, 6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Somerton Recreation Ground. Bring the whole family to watch a professional display in a safe environment. Some car parking will be available, but it is VERY limited, so walking is advisable. No dogs on the field. For public safety no personal fireworks or sparklers to be bought to the event.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 4th November 4:30pm in St Michael's, a service to remember our dear departed followed by refreshments. At this service there will be a list of names read out and the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. Lists will be in each of our Benefice Churches for a few weeks beforehand for names to be added if you would like them remembered.

REMEMBRANCE DAY IS ON SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

We will have the parade organised by Somerton's Royal British Legion leaving Etsome Terrace about 9.15am. We will also be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

A beautiful ceramic poppy bowl has been donated to the Royal British Legion by some residents on Gassons Lane. This bowl will be on view at Mrs McGregor's Craft Emporium and raffle tickets are available from the Emporium during opening hours. Draw to take place on Saturday 10th November. Tickets are £1 a strip.

FIRST WORLD WAR EXHIBITION

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the conflict. The event is in the Parish Rooms, admission is free and open from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 10th and 10am - 12pm on Sunday 11th.

SOMERTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Switch-on this year will be Sunday 25th November from 3-7pm this will include a market, food, choir, Father Christmas and real reindeers!

Please come along and enjoy the wonderful lights in Somerton town centre, feel the community festive spirit!

If you are from a community group and would like a stall, or wish to volunteer to help, please contact me and leave a message: Mary Hossack 01458 274889.

Forthcoming Events

WESSEX HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Coffee mornings Thursdays in Oct at 10.30am.

SOMERTON GARDENERS CLUB: MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Parish Rooms 7.30pm Helen Kearney will present a talk on 'Hedgerow Medicine'. Well, if it helps take some pressure off the NHS! And if anyone has managed to grow anything this year, the subject for the Competition Table will be three home grown vegetables.

LANGPORT AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY: MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

7.30pm A short talk by Joseph Lewis on Langport in the 1980's followed by our Annual General Meeting to be held in the library at Langport. Visitors very welcome.

NEW FRIENDSHIP GROUP: COFFEE AND COMPANY

Mondays, 10 - 2pm. at St Cleers Chapel, Polham Lane. Free tea and coffee; company and activities. Free WiFi, light lunch £2.00, tel 07763 470840.

PARDOES LEGAL ADVICE CLINICS: TUESDAY 2ND & 16TH OCTOBER

9am - noon Parish Rooms.

EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SOMERTON: OCTOBER 2018

Tues 2nd Oct Tea + 2.30pm.

Sat 6th Coffee in Church 10am.

Sat 6th Oct Somerset Songsters New Show 7pm.

For more information web address is: www.stmichaelsomerton.co.uk

CREATE AND CONNECT AT ACEARTS: WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Join us in the exhibition space and make alongside other makers. Bring a project that you are working on, knitting, drawing, collage, crochet. Grab a coffee and enjoy the surroundings. First Wednesday of the month 11-1 & 2-4pm.

AUTUMN 2018 ALPHA AT ST CLEERS: WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Alpha is a course that explores the Christian faith. It begins Wednesday evening 3rd October, 7-9pm. We start with a meal and watch a short film, which we then chat about in small groups. You are very welcome to come along; no need to book. For more information, Ant on 07742 453 312 or mikewilsonjp@gmail.com.

HEALTH WALKS: THURSDAYS 4TH & 18TH OCTOBER

We meet at Somerton Library at 11.30 am. This month the walks are on Thursdays October 4th and 18th. We walk for about an hour and socialise at the same time. Wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions. At the end those that wish go to a local pub for refreshments. For more info contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

LABURNUM DRIVE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE.

We get such a lot of pleasure when we see all our friends and supporters enjoy the regular monthly coach trips we arrange throughout the year. Our Macmillan coffee event is planned for 9th October. Coffee, cakes and games. Do keep the date free and support these wonderful people. Don't miss our fun Bingo. Every Thursday 2pm. Win a fortune. (!) Sincere thanks to all who made our BBQ event so successful, especially Sue H. (hamper) Alison & Ray (voucher plus shopping trolley) and Chef John Smith plus ALL our supporters.
October 2nd bacon butties and cuppa £1.70. 10am
16th coach, Bristol Zoo. Depart 10am. £10 fare, entrance £7.70/ £8.40.
Nov 6th Di's Little Clothes Shop back 10am.

SOMERTON WI: TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Eat Into Green Living, Helen McDonald.

BUTTERCROSS CARERS GROUPS IN OCTOBER

Wed 3rd Oct Carers Chatterbox Café 3pm - 4pm Buttercross Tea Rooms
Do you want to meet people within your community? Come along and join the Chatterbox Café. Meet the Health Coach from the Buttercross Health Centre. Come along for a chat, meet us and enjoy some refreshment and exchange experiences - share information.

ARTHRITIS CARE/RESEARCH UK: THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Illegal Immigrants in Our Gardens. Dr. Francis Burroughes. 7 for 7.30pm in the Pinney Room, Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome. If you wish to join us please contact Sue Long on 01458 274038.

ACEARTS EXHIBITION: SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

We have the British Wildlife Open on show from 6th October until 3rd November

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH ROOMS: SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

6.00pm for 6.30pm Friends of the Parish Rooms presents the annual Harvest Supper. Main course (with vegetarian option) + sweet and tea/coffee. Tickets £10 (to include a glass of wine) from Cobbs Wholefoods from Monday September 3rd. Limited to 60 so get your ticket early!

STAGE FOR LIFE DISCO: SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER

This disco has Cover All Bases, U2sm and Nigel Clark from Dodgy performing, fundraising for St Margaret's Hospice. The event takes place at the Edgar Hall on Sat Oct 6th. Tickets £14 available from Natural Meats (Butchers), The Head Office (Hairdressers) and St Margaret's Charity Shop. There will be a limited number of tickets on the door.

SOMERTON SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

Bingo Sunday 7th and 21st October (over 18s) 7.30pm.
Quiz Thursday 25th October 8.30pm.

SOMERTON SINGS FOR FUN: MONDAY 8TH & 22ND OCTOBER

Join us from 10.45am to 12.00noon, in the Methodist Church back room. It's purely for fun, and for all ages and abilities. We sing anything well known, songs from the shows, old English melodies, and songs from the 30's up to date. £1.00 a session including coffee & biscuits. We restart on Monday Oct 8th and 22nd.

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER

They will meet on Monday 8th October at the Edgar Hall at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

SOMERTON ART TALK: MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Joanna will give a lecture on Mon 8th Oct from 7 - 9 pm in West St Church. See her advert for more details. Contact 01458 832178 for more info.

RUMMIKUB: TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Rummikub will be on Tuesday Oct 9th at 2pm in Parish Rooms. £3 covers entry and tea and cookie.

SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST: TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

19.30- 21.30 Stephen Oliver from Dorset Wildlife Trust talks about Dormice and why they hold the fascination of so many people.

Venue: The Parish Rooms, Market Square, Somerton TA11 7NB SWT members £3.00/non-members £4.00. Tea and coffee will be served after the talk.

U3A SCOTTISH DANCING: WEDNESDAY 10TH & 24TH OCTOBER

Now meeting Wed 10th and 24th Oct 1.30 pm at West St Church. More experienced session Thursdays 7.30 - 9.30 pm Long Sutton V H

Contact Liz Beckinsale on 01935 826181 or see www.rscdssomerset.org.uk for more details.

THE SOMERTON GROUP OF ARTISTS: WEDNESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

On Wed 10th October, at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms Market Square, Somerton. The Somerton Group of Artists will host a demonstration called "Expressive Charcoal Drawing" with Kate Lynch, an artist and author with a particular love for Somerset farming subjects. Members free entry, Visitors welcome £5. Tea and coffee included.

SOMERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB: THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER

10.30 am at Somerton Sports Club. Come and join us on second Thursdays of the month for a chat and friendship. Tea 20p coffee 30p free draw ticket. Our activities vary but we mainly socialise and enjoy having fun. Contact Mo Fletcher on 01458 274631.

DROP-IN FINANCIAL ADVICE CLINIC: THURSDAY 11TH & 25TH OCTOBER

At Somerton Parish Rooms every other Thursday: 9am - noon. No obligation, no appointment necessary. Come in and chat with our Chartered Financial Adviser. Retirement & Investment planning, family & business protection, small business financial planning. Rhiannon Gogh 01458 555078.

ACEARTS: FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

An Evening of Love Poetry Fri 12th Oct 7.30 pm Tickets £12 pp. Ace Supporters Valerie Singleton OBE and Mark Freestone present an evening of traditional and contemporary love poetry. Contact aceartsomerset@icloud.com or 01458 273008.

COFFEE AND MORE: FRIDAY 12TH & 26TH OCTOBER

There's Coffee... and more at West Street Church, on 2nd and 4th Fridays, 12th and 26th Oct 10 - noon. Drop in for as long as you want, meet friends and make new ones. There are table and board games and other things to do, but most people just come for a chat and company. We have internet access and can help you get on-line or find information for you. We are mostly people in later life and encourage anyone living with dementia or a disability to join us, with carers, if necessary, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

If you want more information, or can volunteer to help, contact Ivor Dixon on 01458 250603 or email levelopps@gmail.com.

TWINNING ASSOCIATION WINE TASTING EVENING: FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. It offers tasting of up to 6 wines with nibbles. You do not need to be a member - come along and meet us to see what we do and enjoy a social evening. Tickets £10 each - need to be bought in advance - contact 01458 274631 for tickets.

OKTOBERFEST: SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Somerton Music & Arts Festival presents Somerton's First Oktoberfest at Edgar Hall with the Sherbavarian Stompers and local group Nevertheless 7.00pm. Tickets £14 (includes light supper) from Palmer Snell, Market Place. More details at www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk.

SOMERSET ARTS TALK: TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER

The Arts Society illustrated lecture, Caryford Hall, Castle Cary BA7 7JJ, 1100, free parking. £6. For more information 01963 350 132.

SOMERTON MOVIOLA: SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) Friends of the Parish Rooms presents "The Rider"(2017) Drama written and directed by multi award winning new director Chloe Zhao.

After suffering a near fatal head injury, a young cowboy undertakes a search for new identity and what it means to be a man in the heartland of America. Run time 104 mins. Tickets £6 from Cobbs Wholefoods More info: 241808.

GREEN GARDENERS: MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER

The Green Gardeners will welcome Mickey Little of Avon Bulbs to our meeting for advice on the selection and planting of bulbs for best effect. Refreshments after the talk. 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms, Somerton. Visitors very welcome (£3).

TREACLE EATER CLOG: MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Have-a-Go North West Morris Workshops. Why not come and give it a try? It is a great way to keep fit, meet new friends and learn something new. No experience necessary. Everybody is welcome. Monday 8th Oct and Monday 22nd Oct 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Monmouth Hall, Yeovil, BA21 5NP.

Monday 15th Oct we will be performing at the Pack Monday Fair in Sherborne.

secretary@treacleeaterclog.org or find us on Facebook.

Julia: 01935 817905 www.treacleeaterclog.org.

SHORT HEALTH WALK: THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER

We meet at 11.30am at Somerton Sports Club and walk for about 30 mins returning to the Club or Mo's for refreshments.

SOMERTON HISTORY SOCIETY: THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER

We can look forward to the next meeting of the Society on Thursday 25th October in the Parish Rooms, starting at 7.00pm with coffee. This will be followed, at 7.30pm, by a talk from Dr Tony Davis entitled "How did the Kings find Bethlehem". Tony discusses the development of navigation and offers some ideas about how the Kings found Jesus' birthplace - no Satnav then! Members come for free, but visitors will be very welcome at a charge of £2. For further information please contact Nancy Schooling on 273 859.

THE SOMERTON U3A: FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Our monthly meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month at the Edgar Community Hall, Somerton starting at 10am with coffee (30p) and chat.

The next monthly meeting of Somerton U3A will take place on Friday 26th Oct when Gordon Kemp tells us of his journey on two wheels across India. After any notices the main event begins at 10.30am and finishes by 12 noon latest. Meetings are free for members, visitors £1.50 each.

VIADUCT STAPLING AND FOLDING: FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

This month's Stapling and Folding for the October issue will be Friday Oct 26th at 2pm in the Parish Rooms. See you then. Mo and Team

THEATRE TRIP: FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Cinderella Opera.

SOMERTON DRAMA SOCIETY PANTO FEB 2019

Keep your eye on this space for Panto News! This production has parts for adults, male and female, though being pantomime we will need a dame, played by a male; and a principal boy, played by a female. Our story has lots of rats so there are also plenty of children's parts, but all will have to be over seven when we start rehearsals.

ARTIST-LED DRAWING: SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

AceArts 11 am - 4 pm. Contact 01458 273008 for more details.

STEPHEN PAGE SSDC SURGERY: SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

From 11.00 to 12.00 in the 'Full of Beans' cafe, 6 West Street, Somerton. All are welcome to meet with Stephen and discuss any concerns or issues. To make an appointment kindly contact him by e-mailing. Residents are welcome to contact me by phone or e-mail.

stephen.page@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephoning 07519 739137.

SOMERTON LIGHTS BRIGADE: MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER

The Christmas Season will soon be upon us and we need to get our plans ready for setting up the Christmas Lights. Can all volunteers please come to a meeting on Monday 29th October at 7.30pm at Somerton Fire Station?

If you wish to help but have not yet given your details in please still come along. For more info please contact Mo fletcher on 01458 274631 or at fletcher080@btinternet.com.

What's on In Brief

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY

10.00-12noon NatWest mobile banking. Library
10.30-11.30am Zumba Gold, low impact dance class for all, West Street Church
10.30am - 11.30am Age UK Movement to Music, Parish Rooms
5.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall
4.30pm - 5.30pm Rainbows, St Cleers Chapel
5.30pm - 7.00pm Brownies, St Cleers Chapel
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut
7.00pm Girl Guides, St Cleers Chapel
7.30pm Slimming World, Edgar Hall

TUESDAY

9.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Beginners), Parish Rooms
10.00am - 12.00 noon Citizens' Advice, West Street Church
10.30am Coffee Morning, Laburnum Drive
11.30am - 12.30pm Fitness League Exercise, Parish Rooms
11.30am Slimming World, Edgar Hall
2.00pm Crochet/Knitting and other crafts group, Full of Beans cafe
6.30pm - 8.30pm Line Dancing (beginners & improvers), Wessex Rooms
7.00pm - 9.00pm Scouts, Scout Hut
7.30pm Mid Wessex Singers, West Street Church

WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 11am Space Yoga (experienced) 11.30am - 12.30pm (beginners) Wessex Rooms
10.00am - 12 noon Life Drawing, Pinney Room

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10.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (All levels), Edgar Hall
12.30pm Yarlinton lunch (pre-order), Laburnum Drive
2.00pm Knitting afternoon, Laburnum Drive
2.30pm - 4.00pm Foodbank at the Ridgeway Hall, Langport
5.00pm - 6.15pm Beavers, Scout Hut
6.30pm - 8.00pm Cubs, Scout Hut

THURSDAY

9.00am - 11.30am Rainbow Rascals, West Street Church (term time)
9.30am - 10.30am Tai Chi (Advanced), Parish Rooms
10.30am Wessex House coffee morning
11.00am - 12 noon Line Dancing (Improvers), Parish Rooms
2.00pm Fun Bingo, Laburnum Drive
5.30pm - 6.30pm Beavers, Scout Hut
6.00pm - 7.30pm Junior Youth Club, Wessex Rooms
7.00pm - 10.00pm Bridge Club (Duplicate), West Street Church
7.30pm - 9.00pm Archies Xtra (11-18 years), Recreation Ground
7.30pm - 9.30pm Scottish Country Dancing, West St Church (term time)

FRIDAY

9.30am - 11.30am St Cleers Toddlers, St Cleers Chapel
10.45am Flexercise, Laburnum Drive
7.00pm - 9.00pm Rezound Youth, Edgar Hall
7.30pm - 9.00pm St Cleers Youth, St Cleers Chapel

SATURDAY

9.00am Yeovil Parkrun, Montacute House
9.30am - 12noon Wessex Market, Unicorn Skittle Alley

SUNDAY

10.30am Life Church, Edgar Hall

OCTOBER

Mon 1st Nat West Community Bank 10am - noon Somerton Library

Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel

Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church

Pilates 7 - 8pm Wessex Rooms

Langport & Dist History Soc Talk and AGM 7.30pm Langport Library

Somerton Gardeners Hedgerow Medicine 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Tue 2th CAB 10am - noon West St Church

Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms

Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms

WI Eat Into Green Living 7.15pm Parish Rooms

LDRC Bacon Butties 10am

Monthly tea + St Michael's Church 2.30pm

Wed 3th Yoga 9.30am Wessex Rooms

Create and Connect AceArts 11am - 1pm & 2 - 4pm

Carers Chatterbox Café 3pm Buttercross Tearooms

Alpha Course 7 - 9pm St Cleers Chapel

Thu 4th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Arthritis Care Illegal Immigrants in our Gardens 7.30pm Pinney Room

Sat 6th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

Friends of Parish Rooms Harvest Supper 6pm Parish Rooms

Somerset Songsters New Show 7pm St Michael's Church

Coffee in St Michael's Church 10am

Stage for Life Fundraising Disco Edgar Hall

Sun 7th Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club

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Mon 8th Nat West Community Bank 10am - noon Somerton Library
Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel
Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church
Art Talk The Gentler Sex 7pm West St Church
Rec Ground Management Committee 7pm Edgar Hall
Pilates 7 - 8pm Wessex Rooms
Treacleeaterclog Workshop 7.30pm Monmouth Hall, Yeovil

Tue 9th CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
Rummikub 2pm Parish Rooms
Somerset Wildlife Trust Dormice 7.30pm Parish Rooms
LDRC Macmillan Coffee Event

Wed 10th Yoga 9.30am Wessex Rooms
Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church

Thu 11th Drop in Financial Advice 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Friendship Club 10.30am Somerton Sports Club

Fri 12th Coffee and More 10am - noon West St Church
Somerton Twinning Wine Tasting 7.30pm Parish Rooms
AceArts Love Poetry Evening 7.30pm at AceArts

Sat 13th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley
Somerton Festival Octoberfest 7pm Edgar Hall

Mon 15th Nat West Community Bank 10am - noon Somerton Library
Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel
Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church
Pilates 7 - 8pm Wessex Rooms

Tue 16th CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Pardoes Legal Clinic 9am - noon Parish Rooms
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms
LDRC Coach Trip to Bristol Zoo leaving at 10am

Wed 17th Yoga 9.30am Wessex Rooms

Thu 18th Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Library

Sat 20th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

Sun 21st Bingo (over 18s) 7.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Moviola "The Rider" 7.30pm Parish Rooms

Mon 22nd Nat West Community Bank 10am - noon Somerton Library
Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel
Zumba Gold 10.30am West St Church
Somerton Sings for Fun 10.45am West St Church
Green Gardeners Mickey Little of Avon Bulbs 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Pilates 7 - 8pm Wessex Rooms
Treacleeaterclog Workshop 7.30 pm Monmouth Hall, Yeovil BA21 5NP

Tue 23rd CAB 10am - noon West St Church
Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms

Wed 24th Yoga 9.30 am Wessex Rooms
Scottish Dancing 1.30pm West St Church

Thu 25th Somerton History Society 7.30pm Parish Rooms
Quiz 8.30pm Somerton Sports Club
Short Health Walk 11.30am Somerton Sports Club
Drop in Financial Advice 9am - noon Parish Rooms

Fri 26th Coffee and More 10am West St Church
U3A Gordon Kemp on India 10.30am Edgar Hall
Theatre Trip Cinderella Opera

Sat 27th Wessex Country Market 9am - noon Unicorn Skittle Alley

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DC Stephen Page's surgery 11am - noon Full of Beans Cafe

Artist led Drawing AceArts 11am - 4pm

Mon 29th Nat West Community Bank 10am - noon Somerton Library

Coffee and Co 10am - 2pm St Cleers Chapel

Zumba Gold 10.30 am West St Church

Pilates 7 - 8pm Wessex Rooms

Lights Brigade Meeting 7.30 pm Somerton Fire Station

Tue 30th CAB 10am - noon West St Church

Tai Chi 9.30am Parish Rooms

Wed 31st Yoga 9.30am Wessex Rooms

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Appointments - In August 2018 - 170 patients did not turn up for their booked appointments. Please ensure that you contact us if you are unable to make your appointment, so that they can be re-booked for other patients who need them. Thank you for your understanding. This helps save us time and money.


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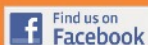
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